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Fall in Line! Forward!

It's late in spring, and you have hardly started the great work of making preparation for hot weather, or summer trip, or the children's vacation. Oh, the things that are to be done! Wake up! The winter is past and the time is at hand. We are ready—been ready for weeks—to supply your every need in Dress Fabrics for yourself or the children for every day wear and a little more for home or travel. Your house cleaning time is also upon you, and you will want to fix up some for summer comfort. Always do. You wouldn't be a good housewife if you didn't. Come and see.

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8c. Some beautiful designs in fine quality, 40 inch wide, printed lawns, elegant, strong, new goods, suitable for Dresses, Waists, Wrappers, &c. Would be good value at any store for 15c. This week at 8c a yard.

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LANCASTER.

Died from the Effects of a Blow Christ Church Vestry, Northumberland. The Delegation to the May Conference—Other News from Lower Northern Neck.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Lancaster, Va., April 10, 1899. Yesterday was a glorious Sabbath, bathed in sunshine, most welcome after the copious rain of the preceding week. The presiding elder, J. H. Amis, preached at White Marsh Methodist Church, and is said to be a fine preacher. Mr. Burwell filled his usual appointments at Grace Chapel, Kilmarnock, and Wicomico.

The rain last Friday night, for a short duration, was almost without precedent, so forcible was the rush of mighty waters. The noise upon the roof created as much nervousness as did the falling limbs and weighty icicles of last winter's blizzard. One house-keeper of this neighborhood awakening suddenly cried out: "O my chickens!" She was fearing that the flood would wash them from their hovel.

About two weeks ago the colored people of Kilmarnock had another exciting experience. One of their number, David Kelly, as he is called, was a man of old, struck Edgar Hill a severe blow over the cranium, presumably with "brass knuckles." The victim died last Friday, 7th, and an inquest the following day disclosed the crushed skull, portions of the bone having pierced the brain. The verdict of the jury was that death ensued from the blow given by Kelly, and a warrant issued for his arrest, but he has not yet been found. He was already under bail to appear at the next term of court for malicious assault.

Mrs. Ashburn, of Wicomico, whose ridiculous escapade of last week created some sensation in lower Lancaster, has returned to her husband and little daughter, in repentant mood. The romantic young lover who was willing to marry her, with or without a divorce, did not return with her, and probably is by this time a wiser man.

Mr. Wm. Chilton, clerk of courts, has been confined to his room for several days by sickness.

Mr. Charles Haynie, whose wife has been the proprietress of Lancaster House for some time, will leave with his family for Norfolk very soon, where they expect to abide in future.

The Confederate Veterans met on the 6th with full attendance. Their patriotism was somewhat tinged with politics.

Now and then a vet. Is very "wet." Some are "dry." But all are sly—in political intrigue.

Miss Bessie Hughton left on the 7th for a visit to Bedford City and elsewhere.

The Ladies' Aid Society, which met on the 5th at the Rectory, evinced their usual earnestness in the work which has engaged them for years. They missed the sweet little woman, Mrs. Eliza Gilliam, who for so many years contributed to the cause of Christ, and suitable resolutions were drawn in memory of her zeal and devotion. Her three daughters could not have offered up a more fitting memorial than in the request each made that her mother's name should remain enrolled with the beloved sisterhood, thus perpetuating their mother's usefulness as well as devotion of daughters to their dear one's memory.

The vestry of Christ Church Parish met on the same day at Trinity, composed of the following gentlemen: Vestrymen—Judge J. O. Ewell, R. T. Pierce, A. A. Moody, T. P. Towles, J. B. Simmonds, M. D., Harvey S. Gresham, H. L. Ball, C. L. Ball, F. S. Chase, A. Huddall; Senior Warden, Capt. Sneed; Junior Warden, F. S. Chase; Registrar, A. A. Moody; Treasurer, H. S. Gresham; Delegate to the Connell, Judge Ewell; Alternate, R. T. Pierce.

News received from Heaverville today report a goodly attendance at Northumberland court. The Democratic convention met there for the purpose of nominating county officers. L. T. Smith, attorney for Commonwealth; W. S. Oralle, clerk of courts; James Booth, treasurer; Frank Settle, sheriff; R. S. Brent, commissioner of revenue.

L. T. Smith was opposed by A. S. Rice, who received 4 votes out of 22. James Booth was opposed by Jos. Anderson, Jr., who also received 4 votes out of 22. The main contest was for sheriff, W. E. Flynt, the present incumbent, receiving 10 votes and Settle 12. The convention was harmonious—not the slightest disorder or ill-feeling manifested.

THE REPUBLICANS OF WESTMORELAND

Declaration of Principles, &c.

An enthusiastic mass-meeting of the Republicans of Westmoreland was held at Chilton's, April 1st, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the several county offices to be filled at the approaching May elections. Mr. Robert Reed and J. S. Bombrake were unanimously chosen, by the convention, for temporary chairman and secretary, respectively. Unusual enthusiasm and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting, was more strikingly manifested by the unanimous selection by the convention, of the following ticket: Mr. S. B. Hardwicke, of Kinsale, for the office of treasurer, renominated; Chas. Sanford, of Chilton's, for Commissioner of the Revenue; and James T. Trew, of Baynesville, for sheriff. Short addresses were made by each of these gentlemen. During the course of the meeting, Mr. Edgar Goodrich, a prominent farmer of Westmoreland, and a former democrat, in a stirring address, which elicited frequent applause, severely arraigned the Democratic party of Westmoreland, for their incompetency, and the utter lack of party principles upon local, as well as state and national issues, and after reciting the many abuses suffered by the people through Democratic maladministration of local affairs, introduced, and secured the enthusiastic adoption by the convention, of the following declaration of principles, as embodying the sentiments of the Republican party of Westmoreland:

The Republican party of Westmoreland, grateful to a beneficent Providence which enables them to re-assemble under a current of achievements, so propitious to its sovereign principles, and grateful alike for the spirit of confidence inspired by the rectitude of their cause, and an increasing accession to their ranks, submits to the people of Westmoreland, the following declaration of principles:

1. We adhere with pride to the able, patriotic, and statesman-like administration of national affairs, which has marked the resumption of the Republican party to power; emphasizing as we do, the glorious and unparalleled achievements, under the executive guidance of President McKinley, of our military and naval forces over the vanquished arms of Spain; culminating in the liberation of an oppressed and struggling people, and the salutary advancement of the causes of Christianity and civilization; to the restoration of commercial and industrial prosperity throughout the United States; to an increased activity in our inter-state, coastwise, and foreign commerce—in all the beneficent results arising from the steadfast adherence of the Republican party to a sound and stable currency.

Mr. Daniel on the Primary Plan of Choosing Senators (Communicated.)

Clifton, Va., April 10, 1899.

This is to be an editorial quotation and criticism concerning a statement made by Senator Daniel relating to the new primary method of choosing and electing national Senators, which appears in the issue of the Fredericksburg Star April 8, '99. If the editor of the Star has not treacherously conveyed his independence, his understanding, and made his memory convenient, he will fairly consider my explanation of that statement. Senator Daniel, reasonably and justly, construed the action of the Jones-Moore and others of the Alexandria primary plan party delegation to the Roanoke gubernatorial Convention as illegally endeavoring to force the said convention, known to have been called for a special purpose, and not having jurisdiction over the pet scheme, to adopt their favorite method of choosing and electing national Senators. The Senator also repudiated that effort at political trickery. Is not this plea of the primary party, that a popular sentiment favors their plan, an "ignis fatuus" invoked for the occasion? How do you explain, Mr. Editor, that the people of this State are so greatly interested in this new method, as alleged by the primary party?

Are not they only interested who have ultimate designs upon Senatorial offices? What have federal Senators to do with local State affairs, and how is the local vote concerned in the election of national Senators? The people of the State of Virginia should, in the future as in the past, leave the choice and election of their U. S. Senators to their better qualified, honorable and incorruptible State Legislature.

Don't you think, Mr. Editor, that this primary business looks like a farce measure, agitated in the interest of a political ring?

Respectfully,
John M. Daniel.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for Rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Cuyler, Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men of this vicinity.—W. G. Phipps, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by M. M. Lewis, drugist.

A Monster Lake of Beer.

The beer which is consumed throughout the world in a single year, says the London Home Magazine, would make a lake 6 feet deep, 83 miles long and a mile wide, or 2,319 acres in area. In this vast lake of beer (says the writer) we could easily drown all the English-speaking people, to the number of 120,000,000, throughout the entire world, or we could give a beer bath to every man, woman and child at the same time in the entire continent of America, while all the peoples of England, Scotland, Ireland and France could find standing room on its bed.

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At Cape Grizone, on the French coast of the British Channel, a new light-house has been erected. The light is of 1,500,000 candle-power at ordinary times, but of 3,000,000 candle-power in thick weather, and can be seen 48 miles off on a clear night. It sends five successive white flashes instead of the three white, followed by a red of the old light.

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